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NEW SILO COMPONENT IDENTIFIED AT PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 28, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) A new silo component was identified on the construction apron of the northwest silo at Plesetsk ICBM Launch Test Site 28 25X1 The new component is a transitional section that apparently will fit into the headworks area of the silo between the silo liner and the type IIIH door pocket. The cylindrical component, unlike the type IIIH silo sleeves, has both an inner and an outer wall. The outer wall appears to have a smooth exterior surface. The new component is 3 meters high, with an outer diameter of 6 meters and an inner diameter of 4 meters. Separation distance between the two walls is 1 meter. 25X1

2. (S/D) A half-cylinder section of the new component was initially identified 25X1 lying flat side down on the northwest apron (Figure 3). By 11 May a corresponding section was in an upright position on the apron. Apparently, these two sections were later joined to form the new cylindrical component that remained on the apron 25X1 The component was probably lowered into the northwest silo 25X1 Because of a lack of usable imagery, it was not possible to determine if a similar new component had also been installed in the southeast silo.

3. (S/D) The usable depth of a type IIIH silo 25X1 The significance of the new component is that when installed it will increase the usable depth of this modified type IIIH silo at Launch Site 28 by approximately 3 meters.

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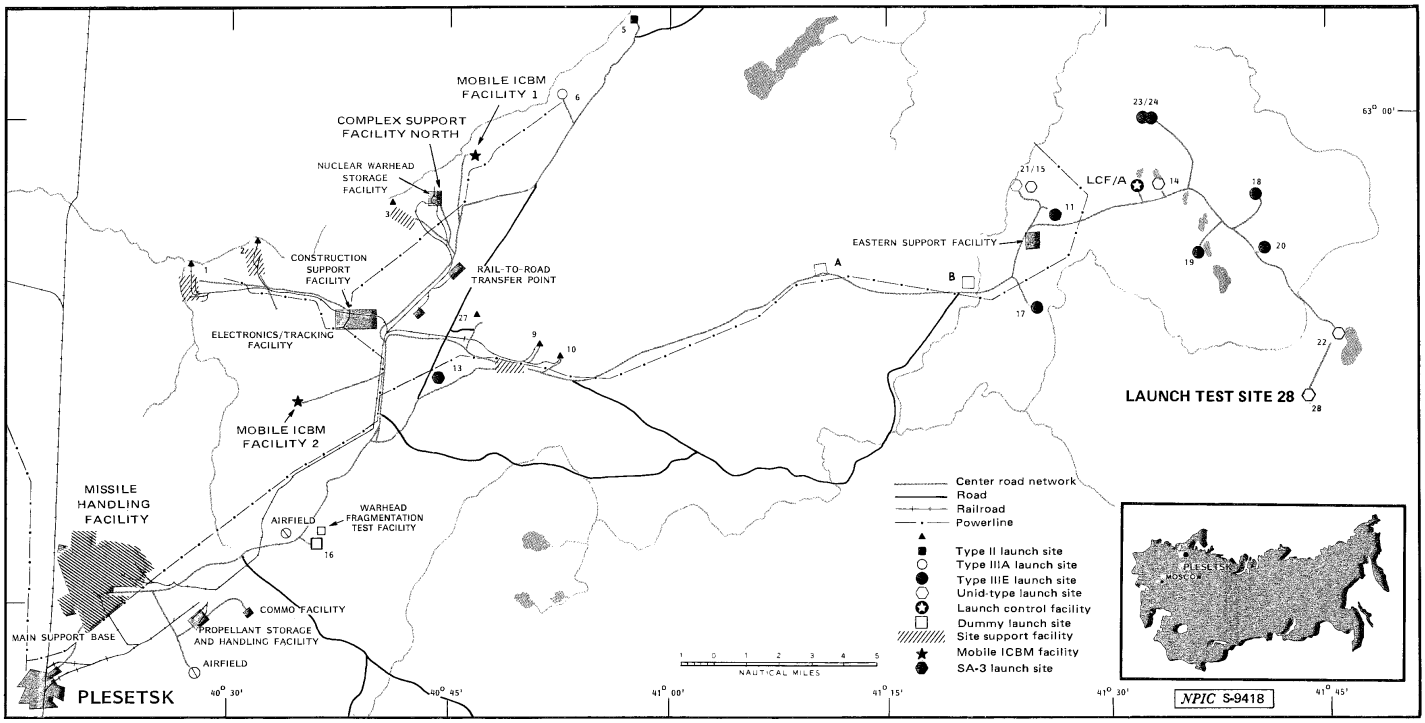

FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF FACILITIES AT THE PLESETSK MISSILE/SPACE TEST CENTER SSM, USSR

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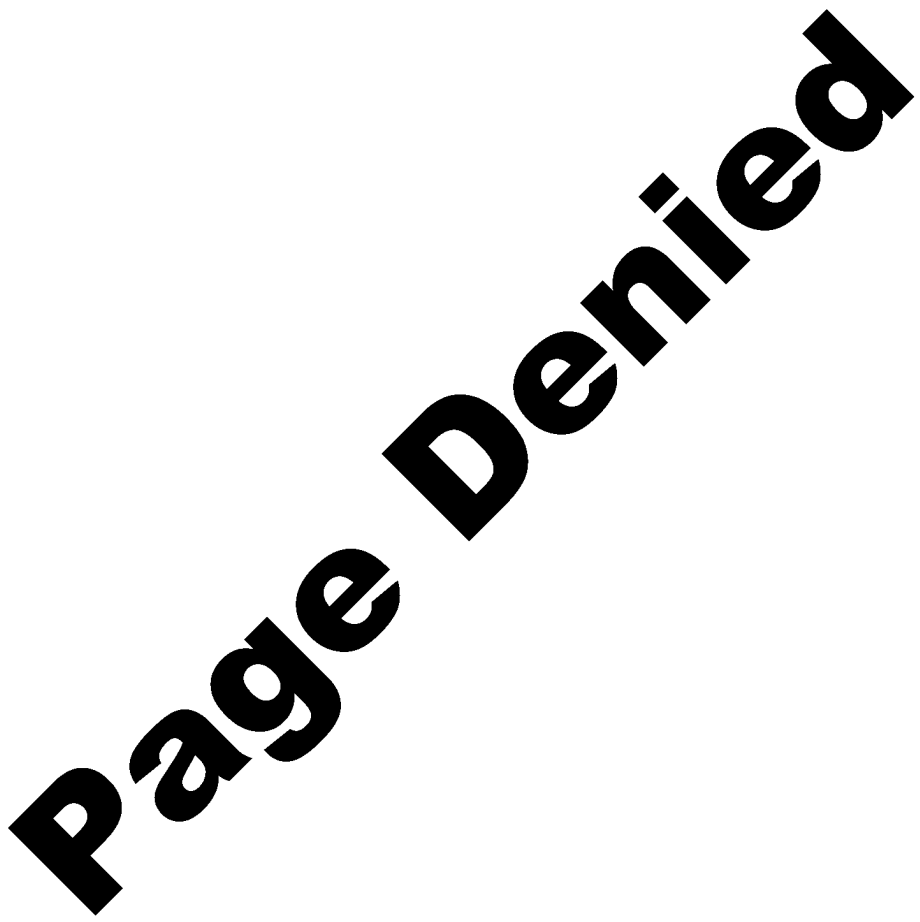

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